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Demolition Projects update

Decontamination and Dismantlement (D&D) activities continue in Plant 6, the former Metals Fabrication Plant. MACTEC is continuing with the removal of exterior transite and structural steel demolition. Completion of the project is expected in mid-December.

MACTEC has also mobilized work crews for the Demolition Closure Contract. The current D&D task orders include work on the Plant 2 Complex, Plant 3 Complex, Plant 8 Complex and the General Sump. MACTEC is currently establishing construction areas, setting up fence, installing vestibules and sealing the buildings prior to initiation of work activities.

Currently, a total of 95 structures have been remediated. For more information on D&D Projects, visit the Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/d&d.htm, or contact John Trygier, DOE-FEMP D&D project manager, 513-648-3154, email: john.trygier@fernald.gov.

Closure of the North Access Road

In order to prepare for the expansion of the On-Site Disposal Facility and respond to the heightened security posture, changes in the current traffic patterns on the North Access Road will occur over the next few months. Beginning Nov. 19, a valid picture badge must be presented to enter the site via the North Access Road. Limited operating hours for the North Access Road will also go into effect on Nov. 19, which will be: Monday – Thursday from 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and alternating Fridays from 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Access to the site outside of the times listed, must be through the South Access Road, located off of Willey Road.

Effective March 1, 2002, the North Access Road will be permanently closed to all through traffic. Construction deliveries to the OSDF will continue and a connecting gravel road will be provided for emergency response vehicles only. For more information on changes, contact Bob Nichols, Fluor Fernald Project Execution Director, 513-648-5180, email: robert.nichols@fernald.gov.

Fernald Cleanup Progress Briefing

The next Cleanup Progress Briefing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Services Building conference room at the Fernald site. DOE-FEMP project managers will discuss the status of each cleanup project. Due to the site's heightened security posture, all visitors without a picture badge will need to be escorted to the meeting location. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs Officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

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National Research Council visit

On Thursday, Nov. 1, members of the National Research Council Committee on Long-Term Institutional Management of DOE Legacy Waste Sites will visit Fernald. They will tour the site and receive presentations on long-term stewardship issues. During the evening, they will also meet with regulatory representatives and stakeholders to hear about the Future of Fernald process and gather public input on a variety of stewardship related issues. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs Officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

Extension of public comment period on program to assist nuclear workers

The Department of Energy (DOE) has extended the public comment period on the proposed Physician's Panel rule under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, until Nov. 10, 2001. Public comments on the rule can be sent to: Loretta Young, Office of Advocacy, EH-8, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, subject line, "PHYSICIAN'S RULE COMMENTS." If interested, call 202-586-2819, fax 202-585-6010, email: loretta.young@eh.doe.gov for further information.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and additional program information is located on the DOE Office of Advocacy web site at http://www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy.

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